

Collaboration Workgroup

CPAC Education Committee

May 3, 2016

2:00 PM

Board Room, Appoquinimink School District

Attendees: Deborah Boyer (UD), Kathy Herel (PIC), Judge Barbara Crowell (Courts), Eliza Hirst (OCA), Leba Kaufmann (OCA), Kittie Rehrig (Appoquinimink)

Excused: Heather Alford, Barb Mazza, Camille Keshishian, Jaime Caruso, Tracy Neugebauer

Introductions: Judge Crowell moved to adopt the minutes from the November 18, 2015 meeting. Kittie Rehrig seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Updates

Education Court Report

Michele Marinucci, Eliza Hirst, and Rachel Neff have been working on completing the Education Court Report, which will provide a two-page educational summary of court-engaged youth to family court judges. The court report will be generated by each school's computer system and will be easily emailed to appropriate parties. To implement the Education Court Report by September, trainings are being planned for this summer with school chiefs, district administrators, the courts, and DSCYF.

Learning Collaborative

The Learning Collaborative will be meeting on May 4, 2016. Casey Family Programs and representatives from six school districts will be in attendance. The purpose of the collaborative is to help districts create a trauma-informed school environment using the Compassionate Schools model.

The group also discussed other trauma interventions. Eliza Hirst will send information about a California -based initiative that has created a specific IDEA classification for trauma, which assists districts in funding trauma-informed supports for students.

Support for Students Exposed To Trauma (SSET)

Debby Boyer informed the group that the University of Delaware is looking at funds to train school employees in the SSET Program, which is based on the Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) Program. This program would train school counselors and teachers on how to use CBITS without clinical training. This training will be offered first to Red Clay Consolidated, Brandywine, and Capital School Districts.

Western Sussex Summit

The Western Sussex Summit, a statewide conference on social and emotional supports in schools, hosted by Woodbridge School District, will take place on **September 13, 2016**.

Education Decision Maker Legislation

The education decision maker legislation will not be introduced this legislative session. Eliza Hirst will be meeting with school officials and interested parties to develop a mutually agreed upon draft bill to introduce to the legislature next year.

Casey Family Programs

Eliza Hirst will send out the strategic plan detailing the goals and objectives of the partnership between Casey Family Programs and the Office of the Child Advocate. The primary goals of the partnership are to 1) improve trauma informed practices in schools; and 2) improve interagency collaboration and communication.

Nemours Health and Prevention Services

On April 6, 2016, the Office of the Child Advocate met with Nemours Health and Prevention Services and a few school districts. Out of this exploratory meeting, the group decided to asset map two school districts (Red Clay and Woodbridge) to determine how these districts could partner with community agencies to better serve families. The group is also going to work on streamlining health information between schools, Nemours, and DSCYF to better serve youth in foster care. Some school nurses already have access to the Nemours portal where they access student information and it has been extremely helpful.

<h3>Next Steps and Closing</h3>
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Although the CPAC education workgroups have been recently reorganized, this group agreed that the Collaboration Workgroup should continue to meet regularly to stay informed about partner initiatives and to seek new ways to collaborate with each other.

Eliza Hirst will send out an email proposing dates for the next meeting. She will also send out the trauma IEP information; and the CPAC Education Committee's Strategic Plan.